GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) – Disciplinary proceedings under rule – 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.602 **Dated:17.06.2025**
Read:

G.O.Ms.No.209, Revenue (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.17.06.2025

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ORDER:

In pursuance to the orders issued vide G.O read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct/ misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures-III)

3. Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) is directed to submit, within 10 days from the date of receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear up on any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter spertaining to her service under the Government. If any representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) is aware of such are presentation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(P.T.O)

7. The receipt of the Order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada District (Retired) **(**Through CAF&CS Dept., A.P Sectt., Velagapudi, for service and to return the served copy with dated acknowledgement immediately (By RPAD))
The CAF&CS(CS-I) Dept., A.P Sectt., Velagapudi.
The VC&MD, A.P State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., Vijayawada
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Kakinada District.
The DG, V&E, G.A(V&E) Dept., Pandit Nehru Bus Station, Vijayawada.
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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTCLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.KRISHNA RAO, THE THEN DM, APSCSCL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (RETIRED)

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I:

That Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada retired) who was on deputation to APSCSCL being responsible officer. utterly failed in discharging his legitimate duties by acting negligent ensuring the proper verification of records before making payment transport contractor which is not desirable on his part and there by all for such a huge misappropriation, and as such the act of the officer amount to violation of Regulation 24 (k) r/w 24 (d) of APSCSCL Employees Con Discipline & Appeal Regulations.

Regulation 24(k): Habitual negligence or neglect of work or gross negligence malignantly or slowing down of work

Regulation 24 (d): Theft, fraud, dishonestly in connection with Corporation's business or property.

Thus the Charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -II:

That Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM. APSCSCL, Kakinada (now retired) who was on deputation to APSCSCL being responsible officer, has utterly failed in discharging his legitimate duties by acting negligently in following the provisions incorporated in the agreement especially Clause 16 of the agreement regarding the payments made against the time barred truck sheets in order to benefit the then transport contractor thereby caused huge misappropriation of public money. The act of the officer construes misconduct under the of Regulation 24 (k) r/w 24 (d) of APSCSCL Employees Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Regulations.

Regulation 24(k): Habitual negligence or neglect of work or gross negligence. malignantly or slowing down of work

Regulation 24 (d): Theft, fraud, dishonestly in connection with the Corporation's business or property.

Thus the Charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -III:

That Sri. A.Krishna Rao, the then DM, APSCSCL, Kakinada (no retired) who was on deputation to APSCSCL being responsible officer, he h interpreted the instructions of VC & MD wrongly and allowed 1556 No. truck sheets under minor mistakes category even for 2 or 3 digits with malafide intention by changing the vehicle numbers upto 2 or 3 digits an paid an amount of Rs. 72.12,186/-, which is nothing but breach of trust an construes misconduct under the Regulation 24 (g) &(d) of APSCSC Employees Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Regulations.

Regulation 24(g): Habitual breach of any standing order or any regulation o any law applicable to the establishment or any regulations made there under.

Regulation 24 (d): Theft, fraud, dishonestly in connection with the Corporation's business or property.

Thus the Charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE -IV

That as per the V&E Report, the transport contractor has submitted truck sheets for a quantity of 1,45,822.301 MT as on 12.02.2015. The remaining truck sheets were not submitted by the transport contractor in the O/o DM. Civil Supplies, it was not ascertained on which date the transport contractor has submitted the remaining truck sheets. Sri A.Krishna Rao, the then DM. APSCSCL,

Kakinada (now retired) being responsible officer, instead of rejecting the claims, processed the claims. The act of the officer is undesirable thereby resulted in huge misappropriation of public money and the same construes misconduct under the Regulation 24 (k) r/w 24 (d) of APSCSCL Employees Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Regulations.

Regulation 24(k): Habitual negligence or neglect of work or gross negligence. malignantly or slowing down of work

Regulation 24 (d): Theft, fraud, dishonestly in connection with the Corporation's business or property.

Thus the Charge.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE –V

That, during the V& E inspection, in some of the claims submitted by the transport contractor it was noticed that 3480 trips of the transport vehicles were recorded as more than 3 times in a single day which is practically not possible and For example vehicle No:AP 05 TT 6381 has scored 16 trips on 20.12.2014 which is highly impossible and nothing but fake, even then the officer has made the payments. The act of the Officer involves moral turpitude in discharging his legitimate duties and construes a misconduct under the Regulation 24 (k) r/w 24 (d) of APSCSCL Employees Conduct, Discipline & Appeal Regulations.

Regulation 24(k): Habitual negligence or neglect of work or gross negligence, malignantly or slowing down of work

Regulation 24 (d): Theft, fraud, dishonestly in connection with the Corporation's business or property.

Thus the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.KRISHNA RAO, THE THEN DM, APSCSCL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (RETIRED).

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1. The said officer being responsible shall ensure that only the genuine transport vehicles are used for transportation of paddy and the claims shall be allowed with such vehicle number but not with non transport vehicles. In fact the transport contractor has submitted the truck sheets having certain vehicle numbers and on verification through the transport department Web Site, it was noticed as other than transport vehicles i.e., motor cycles, autos, school buses etc., against which payments were made without proper verification. This indicates that the said officer has failed to do so and shall be made responsible for allowing the claims with false vehicle no.s and made payments for 62 non transport vehicles without proper verification.

2. As per clause No.16 (I to V) of the agreement between APSCSCL and Sri B. Srinivas

i. The District Manager will make payments due to the contractor on submission of bills in triplicate by the contractor duly certified by the Incharge of PPC supported by proper consignee receipts in originals.

ii. The contractor shall prepare bills with proper consignee receipts in full shape, falling which claim will be rejected. The transport bills should be preferred every month within 15 days from the date of completion of movement, failing which the same will be treated as time barred.

But the said officer without complying the above provisions has made the payments other than the advance of Rs.3.5 Crs during his tenure i.e., 16.04.2015 to 27.05.2018 and also the said payments were done without proper verification of the truck sheets. Therefore, he shall be made responsible for not observing clause No.16 of the agreement regarding time red truck sheets.

3. The officer shall have appraised the facts about the minor mistakes in the vehicle numbers upto 2 or 3 digits in the claims made by the then paddy transport contractor in order to safeguard the corporation money. But instead of doing that he has interpreted the instructions of VC & MD in this regard wrongly and allowed 1556 No. of truck sheets under minor mistakes category even for 2 or 3 digits with a malafide Intention by changing the vehicle numbers upto 2 or 3 digits and paid an amount of Rs.72,12,186/- for which he shall be made liable as per the existing rules.

4. During the course of inspection by V&E officials, the said officer Instead of rejecting the claim to the extent for which transport contractor has not submitted the truck sheets he has processed the claim and made the payment ignoring the irregularities while doing so. As per the V&E Report the transport contractor has submitted truck sheets for a quantity of 1,45,822.301 MT as on 12.02.2015. The remaining truck sheets were not submitted by the transport contractor In the O/o DM. Civil Supplies, it was not ascertained on which date the transport contractor has submitted the remaining truck sheets the officer. Instead of rejecting the claims, processed the claims. He failed to maintain the rule provision on the note file otherwise it may be treated as excess payment and simply stating that all the payments were made with the approval of the Joint Collector Therefore, he shall be made responsible for making excess payments to the transport contractor in claiming of bills regarding agency Mandals.

5. During the course of inspection. in respect to the number of trips which are practically possible in a single day. It was noticed that 3480 trips were recorded as more than 3 times in a single day which is practically not possible. Loading and unloading of paddy at farm gate and at rice mill will ordinarily takes 3 to 4 hours and the period of transport is 30 min. By applying this analogy at a maximum 3

trips per a day for a lorry and a maximum of 4 trips a day for a tractor is only possible. But during the verification. It is noticed that 635 truck vehicles have scored more than 3 trips a day. 3480 number of trucks sheets was recorded as more than 3 trips a day. On verification of the truck sheets it is noticed that 635 no of truck sheets were submitted by the transport contractor in this aspect. For example vehicle No: Al 05 TT 6381 has scored 16 trips on 20.12.2014 which is practically not possible.

This indicates the transport contractor has fabricated the truck sheets. The transport contractor has submitted these types of truck sheets for a quantity of 55149 MT, therefore the said officer has malafidely acted while discharging his duties by allowing 3480 truck sheets which were shown as operated more than 3 trips a day to benefit the then paddy transportation contractor

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.KRISHNA RAO, THE THEN DM, APSCSCL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (RETIRED), ARE POPOSED TO BE SUSTANED.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI A.KRISHNA RAO, THE THEN DM, APSCSCL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (RETIRED), ARE POPOSED TO BE SUSTANED.

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-Nil-

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